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Title: Need to undertake proper maintenance of National Highway Nos. 17 and 66 and provide funds for development of National Highways in Kerala.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the serious issue of development of National Highways in Kerala. Two National Highways, NH 17 and NH 47 (New No. NH 66) have already been transferred to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for development and maintenance. But NHAI are not undertaking maintenance work properly and these highways are in a pathetic condition. Five National Highways including NH 85 (Kundannor-Bodimettu) and NH 183 (Kollam-Kumili) has been dropped from NHDP phase IV-A. It-requires urgent fund allocation for the development of these 5 National Highways. Government of Kerala has submitted an estimate for Rs. 1000 crores for the development works of these National Highways. I request the Government to consider it and take a favourable decision immediately.